

Claim 1 (currently amended):           A personal item carrying device comprising:

        a strap configured to be placed over a person and to extend from a first side of the person, along the front of the person, over the shoulder on a second side of the person, and return along the back of the person to the first side;

the strap adjustable via a member fixed to the strap at a first strap position and slidingly engaged to the strap at a second strap position;

        the strap also including an opener that enables the strap to be opened and thereafter be placed around the person's midsection and adjusted via the member; and

        a carrier supported by the strap, the carrier sized to hold a personal item.

Claim 2 (original):    The personal item carrying device of Claim 1, which includes an assembly connected to end portions of the strap, the assembly including an attachment mechanism that connects the assembly to an item of apparel located substantially at the person's midsection.

Claim 3 (original):   The personal item carrying device of Claim 2, wherein the opener is located between the end portions of the strap.

Claim 4 (original):   The personal item carrying device of Claim 2, wherein the attachment mechanism is selected from the group consisting of: a spring clip, a lock, a hook and any combination thereof.

Claim 5 (original):   The personal item carrying device of Claim 2, wherein the attachment mechanism is removable from the assembly.

Claim 6 (original):   The personal item carrying device of Claim 1, wherein the opener includes an apparatus selected from the group consisting of: a buckle, a snap-fitting apparatus, a button, a magnetic device, a clip, a frictionally securing device and any combination thereof.

Claim 7 (original):   The personal item carrying device of Claim 1, wherein the carrier is slideably held by the strap.

Claim 8 (original): The personal item carrying device of Claim 1, wherein the carrier defines at least one aperture that receives the strap.

Claim 9 (original): The personal item carrying device of Claim 1, wherein the carrier includes a plurality of folding members that hold the carrier frictionally against the strap.

Claim 10 (original): The personal item carrying device of Claim 9, wherein the folding members include an attachment device that attaches the members to one another.

Claim 11 (original): The personal item carrying device of Claim 1, wherein the carrier is sized and structured to hold a plurality of personal items.

Claim 12 (original): The personal item carrying device of Claim 1, wherein the carrier includes a portion that opens and closes to enable insertion and removal of the personal item.

Claim 13 (original): The personal item carrying device of Claim 1, wherein the personal item is selected from the group consisting of: a cell phone, a pager, a wallet, a passport, an airline ticket, a compact disk player, a compact disk, makeup, medicine, a credit/debit card, a driver's license, an airline card, an insurance card, a retail card, cash, a cigarette package, an address book, a digital music player, an internet access device, a camera, a small television, an email access device, an electronic apparatus and any combination thereof.

Claim 14 (original): The personal item carrying device of Claim 1, wherein at least one of the strap and the carrier is made from a material selected from the group consisting of: leather, suede, cowhide, fur, fabric, a polymer, a polymer weave, nylon, a meshed material, a woven material and any combination thereof.

Claims 15 to 17 (canceled)

Claim 18 (currently amended): A personal item carrying device comprising:

a strap sized to extend from a first side of a person, along the front of a person, over the shoulder on a second side of the person, and return along the back of the person to the first side;

the strap including (i) a quick release mechanism and (ii) an adjustment member fixed to the strap at a first strap position and slidably engaged to the strap at a second strap position, so that the strap is openable and adjustable and operable to fit over the person's shoulder and around the person's midsection; and

a caddy moveably supported by the strap, the caddy sized to hold a personal item.

Claim 19 (original): The personal item carrying device of Claim 18, which includes means for securing end portions of the strap to an item of apparel worn at the person's midsection.

Claim 20 (original): The personal item carrying device of Claim 19, wherein the securing means includes a first portion attached to the ends of the straps and a second portion that is attached to the item of apparel.

Claims 21 and 22 (canceled)

Claim 23 (currently amended): A personal item carrying device comprising:

a strap sized to extend from a first side of a person, along the front of the person, over the shoulder on a second side of the person, and return along the back of the person to the first side; and

a caddy including a ~~folding~~ member ~~that opens and closes~~ having a middle portion, a first flap extending from a first side of the middle portion, a second flap extending from a second side of the middle portion, the first and second flaps configured to fold over the middle portion and around the strap to moveably secure the caddy to the strap, the member when unfolded exposing a first side having a plurality of compartments sized to hold personal items, the caddy including at least one other compartment located on a second side of the member.

Claim 24 (original): The personal item carrying device of Claim 23, wherein at least one of the compartments located on the first side of the member are slots sized to hold items selected from

the group consisting of: credit/debit cards, retail cards, cash, insurance cards and a driver's license.

Claim 25 (original): The personal item carrying device of Claim 23, wherein the personal items are selected from the group consisting of: a cell phone, a pager, a wallet, a passport, an airline ticket, a compact disk player, a compact disk, makeup, medicine, a credit/debit card, a driver's license, an airline card, an insurance card, a retail card, cash, a cigarette package, an address book, a digital music player, an internet access device, a camera, a small television, an email access device, an electronic apparatus and any combination thereof.

Claim 26 (original): The personal item carrying device of Claim 23, which includes a plurality of personal item holding compartments located on the second side of the folding member.

Claim 27 (original): The personal item carrying device of Claim 23, wherein the second side compartment is sized to hold a cellular phone.

Claim 28 (currently amended): A personal item carrying device comprising:

a ~~foldable~~ member including a middle portion, a first flap extending from a first side of the middle portion, a second flap extending from a second side of the middle portion, the first and second flaps operable to fold over the middle portion and around and couple to a strap and releasably attach to each other;

an inside of the middle portion of the member including multiple card holding slots; and

an outside of the middle portion of the member including a compartment sized to securely hold a cellular phone.

Claim 29 (original): The personal item carrying device of Claim 28, wherein at least one of the compartments of the foldable member includes an attachment device selected from the group consisting of: a button, a magnetic device, a frictionally securing device and any combination thereof.

Claim 30 (original): The personal item carrying device of Claim 28, which includes a plurality of personal item holding compartments located on the outside side of the foldable member.